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**Yugoslavia Loses
Extradition Plea**

LOS ANGELES, July 14 (AP). Yugoslavia's request for the return of Andrija Artukovic, former cabinet member of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, to face trial in connection with 23 political murders was denied today in Federal Court.

Federal Judge Peirson M. Hall, after weeks of reviewing laws governing international treaties, found an extradition treaty between the United States and Yugoslavia was not effective.

Artukovic fled his homeland with his wife and two children after the defeat of Germany by Allied armies. He was found a year ago working incognito in Los Angeles.

Representatives of the Yugoslav government said they would appeal Judge Hall's ruling to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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